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SUBJECT: AFP ARTICLE ON BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO SEA

1. TODAY'S PRESENCIA CARRIES AFP STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON QUOTING SOURCES CLOSE TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT (ALLEGADAS AL GOBIERNO NORTEAMERICANO) ON SUBJECT OF BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO SEA. THEY SAY OUTLET QUOTE WOULD CREATE MORE PROBLEMS FOR THE COUNTRY THAN THEY WOULD SOLVE. UNQUOTE

2. WE EXPECT QUESTIONS. IF ASKED, WE INTEND SAY WE DO NOT BELIEVE A US GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL MADE ABOVE STATEMENT AND THAT US POLICY REMAINS AS INDICATED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER DURING HIS VISIT WITH PRESIDENT BANZE  
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THAT QUOTE THE USG VIEWS WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TOWARD REACHING A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION THAT WILL  
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SATISFY THE INTERESTS OF THE CONCERNED PARTIES UNQUOTE AND AS

THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED, QUOTE A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THIS CENTURY-OLD PROBLEM WOULD CONSTITUTE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. UNQUOTE

3. THE AFP ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT IN RECENT OFFICIAL STATEMENTS PERU HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS OPPOSITION TO THE ARRANGEMENT CONTEMPLATED BY CHILE AND BOLIVIA AND QUOTES PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LA PUENTE AS SAYING QUOTE BOLIVIA'S LANDLOCKED STATUS SHOULD BE SOLVED IN A MANNER WHICH GUARANTEES A PERMANENT AND STABLE PEACE UNQUOTE. AND PERU'S AMBASSADOR IN CHILE SAYING QUOTE THAT THE CORRIDOR OFFERED BY CHILE IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF PERMANENT PEACE. UNQUOTE THE ARTICLE THEN CITES QUOTE SPECIALISTS IN WASHINGTON UNQUOTE AS BEING SURPRISED AT THE PERUVIAN ATTITUDE BECAUSE IT CONTRADICTS THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH PERU'S NEIGHBORS. IT THEN QUOTES A NORTH AMERICAN PERSONALITY AS SAYING QUOTE PERU HAS DEMONSTRATED LATELY THE INTENTION OF ABANDONING ITS POLITICAL ISOLATION AND ITS THIRD-WORLD POSTURE FOR CLOSER RELATIONS WITH ITS LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS, PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTHERN CONE. A GESTURE IN THE BOLIVIAN CASE WOULD CONFIRM THIS NEW ATTITUDE AND IMPROVE PERU'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. UNQUOTE

4. FINALLY, THE ARTICLE STATES THE QUOTE SPECIALISTS UNQUOTE REFERRED TO ASTRONOMICAL SUMS THAT A NEW PORT, AIRPORT, ETC., WOULD COST BOLIVIA AND ALSO THAT A PANDORA'S BOX OF JURIDICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS FISHING RIGHTS, EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA AND AIRSPACE RIGHTS WOULD BE CREATED IF BOLIVIA GAINS ACCESS TO THE SEA.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON ORIGIN OF AFP STORY.  
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